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**Re: State Environmental Commission -- Petition #2006-14
Standards for toxic materials applicable to designated waters**

Dear Ms. Corp:

Enclosed for "drafting" by the LCB Legal Division is a proposed permanent regulation. This regulation proposes certain revisions to the water quality standards related to the aquatic life beneficial use for the inorganic chemicals contained in NAC 445A.144, "Standards for Toxic Materials Applicable to Designated Waters".

Water quality standards contained in NAC 445A.144, which are referred to as the Toxics Standards, were last amended in 1995. This regulation presents the proposed revisions to update only the aquatic life water quality standards for just the inorganic chemicals prescribed in NAC 445A.144. These proposed revisions are based on new or revised water quality criteria that have been recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for protection of aquatic life. No changes to the other water quality standards contained in NAC 445A.144 are proposed at this time.

Additional supporting information for this proposed regulation is available on the SEC website at the following address:
http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0906.htm

The point of contact at NDEP for this amended regulation is Mr. John Heggeness, Bureau of Water Quality Planning (687-9449).

Sincerely,

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